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# FACE OF THE TRUTH

The declarations from the Brooklyn Jockey Club and Metropolitan Jockey Club are due one week from today. It is not expected that many withdrawals will be made. In all probability, future books will be announced next week, and the season will begin in earnest. The handicaps look hard, and the betting will no doubt be the heaviest in years. The season has been very backward and the severe winter has kept the trainers from exercising their charges. Yesterday the bright weather gave the horses a chance to stretch their legs, but today's snow and rain will wash them into the depths of dependency once more. The Winter has been remarkable for the few cases of sickness among the thoroughbreds, and reports from all the states show that the cracks have Wintered remarkably well. The spring calls for horses that will soon test the tale of the horse. The future for this season, heavy bettors will be making on the American Derby, but no books are open in this city.

The Ivy City meeting is still on.

housemen are asked to send on their names to attend the meeting, and there is no guarantee that the meeting will last or that the purpose be paid. Secretary Pottus declares that he doesn't know who are the persons who are asked to attend the meeting, and that Campbell is the only man who is mentioned as being connected with the meeting. He declares that he is only a spectator, however. The lottery scheme is most likely to go through. Mr. Campbell admits that the scheme was talked over and that it would be within the pale of the law, but says that it has not been decided upon as yet. Unless the gen-

It is said that the Guenther amendment to the Ives Pool law, extending the racing season in this State two months may come before the Legislature this week. The Board of Control strenuously denies that it is fathering the bill, so responsibility is shifted to C. J. Hamilton, owner of a trotting course in Buffalo. As Mr. Guenther also hails from Buffalo this would suggest that Mr. Hamilton was the framer.

Post Scout will not be seen on the turf this year. He has been retired to the stud.

Mr. Thompson, the purchaser of the late D. D. Withers's Brookdale Farm has refused an offer of \$40,000 for the yearlings on the place. This may be taken as an indication that the present master of Brookdale intends to take an active part in racing this year or that he considers the price too cheap.

Iroquois is pushing Longfellow's record close. His progeny last year won nearly \$100,000 in stakes and purses. O-

Col. North's horses arrived at Sheepshead Bay yesterday safe and sound. The trainers looked them over and do not believe that the English thoroughbreds will be dangerous, either in stake or purse races.

It is reported that the Hudson County Jockey Club's Executive Committee contemplate the rulling off of Jockey Griffin because he carelessly pulled up Young Lottery Saturday and let Lucy Clark secure the place. It is true that Griffin needs disciplining, for he rides peculiar races very often. He ought to be punished, but rulling off would be rather severe.

Uncertainty is well named. He is very inconsistent. When no one thinks he has a chance he is fighting with the leaders. When a favorite and well backed, he doesn't show.

The "combination" tried to clinch the last race at Gutterburg on Saturday, by putting up a stable boy on Miss Besz. Indeed Burke voted for this proposition. Instantly, however, and so N. Hill was put up. Eleanor, always higher class than Miss Besz, won easily.

A bill making "ringing" a punishable offense, has been introduced in the Legislature of this State.

H. Siegel and Constant Reader—N. books are open on the American Derby in this city. Bets may be forwarded to Chicago.

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The contract for the new Brooklyn terminal station will come up for approval.

An application for an increase of pay for some of the bridge employees will also be considered.

It is probable that the bill to reduce the number of trustees will be introduced.